

Raccoon State Recreation Area

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accompanied by an adult.

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and enlighten folks of all ages.**

Saturday, July 31st

- 4 pm – **Naturalist in the Sand** - Look for the naturalist roving the beach to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Beach**
- 6 pm – **Nature Journals** - Come make a cool journal that you can take with you to remember your time here at Raccoon. 30–45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**
- 9:30 pm – **Camp Story Time** – Join the naturalist for an evening of storytelling. We'll have a few but it always makes it interesting when you bring some of your own! 45 mins.
Chapel Shelter Amphitheatre

Sunday, August 1st

- 8:30am – **Bird Hike** – You see them all over the park, now come hike with a naturalist and learn a little about our feathered friends. 45 mins. **Meet behind the Camp Store**
- 10:30 am – **Fish with a Naturalist** – Meet at the fishing pier near the beach and spend some time fishing with one of the parks naturalists. Bring your own pole if you've got one, if not we'll have a few that you can borrow. **Beach Fishing Pier**
- 2 pm – **Naturalist in the Sand** - Look for the naturalist roving the beach to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Beach**

Friday, August 6th

- 9 am – **The Green Menace!** – Come see the destructive pest called the *Emerald Ash Borer* and learn what you can do to help stop it. 30 mins. **Chapel Shelter**
- 11 am – **Creature Feature** – Come see what animal the naturalist has brought with them and learn what makes it so special. 30 - 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**
- 2 pm – **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**

Saturday, August 7th

- 4 pm – **Snake Bingo** – Come learn a little about Indiana's native reptiles while playing an old game with a new twist. **30 min. Chapel Shelter**
- 6 pm – **Pedal Parade** – Meet at the Chapel Shelter for a brief bicycle safety talk and then decorate your bike for a parade through the campground. 1 hr. **Chapel Shelter**

8 pm - Leave No Trace Presentation @ Chapel Shelter Amphitheatre

Please join Bill Houk, Leave No Trace Master Educator, for a presentation of the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace. Leave No Trace is a national and international program designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts with their decisions about how to reduce their impacts when they hike, camp, picnic, snowshoe, run, bike, hunt, paddle, ride horses, fish, ski or climb. The program strives to educate all those who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts. Leave No Trace is best understood as an educational and ethical program, not as a set of rules and regulations. Join us in games, demonstrations, videos and other activities in order to learn to Leave No Trace!"

- 10 pm – **Star Gazing** – Join us for a late night look at the stars and constellations. 45 mins. – 1 hr.
Meet at the Chapel Shelter

Sunday, August 8th

- 8:30am – **Bird Hike** – You see them all over the park now come hike with a naturalist and learn a little about our feathered friends. 45 mins. **Meet behind the Camp Store**
- 10:30 am – **Fish with a Naturalist** – Meet at the fishing pier near the beach and spend some time fishing with one of the parks naturalists. Bring your own pole if you've got one, if not we'll have a few that you can borrow. **Beach Fishing Pier**
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Friday, August 13th

- 9 am – **Tick Talk** – Learn about nature’s blood suckers, Ticks of Indiana. 30 mins. **Chapel Shelter**
- 11 am – **Habitat Hike** – Let’s take a hike and look at what critters need to survive in the wild. 45 mins. **Meet at the Chapel Shelter**
- 2 pm – **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**

Saturday, August 14th

- 4 pm – **Naturalist in the Sand** - Look for the naturalist roving the beach to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Beach**
- 6pm – **Nature Journal’s** – Come make a cool journal that you can take with you to remember your time here at Raccoon. 30 – 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter Chapel Shelter**
- 9:30 pm – **Night Fishing** – Meet at the fishing pier near the beach and spend some time fishing with one of the parks naturalists. Bring your own pole if you’ve got one, if not we’ll have a few that you can borrow. **Beach Fishing Pier**

Sunday, August 15th

- 8:30am – **Critter Hike** – You see them all over the park now come hike with a naturalist and learn a little about the animals that call Raccoon S.R.A. home. 45 mins. **Meet at the Chapel Shelter**
- 10:30 am – **Snake Bingo** – Come learn a little about Indiana’s native reptiles while playing an old game with a new twist. **30 min. Chapel Shelter**
- 2 pm – **Roving Naturalist** - Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**

Friday, August 20th

- 4 pm – **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**
- 6pm – **Ssssnakes Alive!** – Come learn about the snakes of Indiana. 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter**
- 9 pm – **Movie Night Under the Stars** – We’ll be playing the new movie “Indiana State Parks – Treasures In Your Own Backyard” **Chapel Shelter Amphitheatre**

Saturday, August 21st

- 4 pm – **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them. **Campground**
- 6 pm – **Night Time Critters** – Blind as a bat, Smart as an owl and Sly as a fox. These are some of the common expressions about our creatures of the night. Tonight we’ll learn a little more about how they are able to work in the dark. 45 mins. **Chapel Shelter Amphitheatre**
- 9:30 pm – **Night Hike** - Join the naturalist as we prowl the night looking for signs of life! 45 mins. **Meet at the Chapel Shelter**

Sunday, August 22nd

- 8:30am – **Tree ID Spree** – Join us for a leisurely hike and learn some of the common trees of the park.. 45 mins. **Meet at the Chapel Shelter**
- 10:30 am – **Fish with a Naturalist** – Meet at the fishing pier near the beach and spend some time fishing with one of the parks naturalists. Bring your own pole if you’ve got one, if not we’ll have a few that you can borrow. **Beach Fishing Pier**
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